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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please substitute the attached formal drawings (3 sheets, containing Figs. 1-12) for the drawings which were originally filed with the parent application. The drawings originally filed with the parent application are attached to a copy of the originally filed specification which are included herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2, 8, 14, and 20 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

The above changes to the claims have been made to cancel claims being prosecuted in separate applications. This Preliminary Amendment leaves claims 1, 3-7, 9-13, 15-19 and 21-24 pending in the present application.

The prior application is assigned of record to International Business Machines Corp., Armonk, New York, recorded on September 28, 1998, at Reel 9508, Frame 0565.

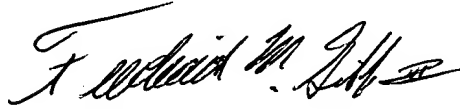
Early and favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

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Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's

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Respectfully submitted,



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